

CHAPTER
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SECTION 1

READING COMPREHENSION

The Nominating Process

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1. What is the critical first step in the election process?

2. Explain the importance of the nominating process in each of the following:
 - a. a two-party system _____
 - b. a one-party constituency _____
3. What is a general election?

4. List and briefly describe the five ways nominations are made in the U.S.
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
5. Why is the caucus rarely used today except in presidential elections?

6. Why did the direct primary replace the convention in most States?

7. Define the following:
 - a. closed primary _____
 - b. open primary _____
 - c. blanket primary _____

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8. Why is the blanket primary no longer in use?

9. List three arguments for, and two against, the closed primary.

a. for: _____

b. against: _____

10. What is a runoff primary, and when is it used?

11. What are nonpartisan elections, and how are candidates for these offices nominated?

12. How is the presidential primary different from other primaries?

13. What was the original purpose of the direct primary?

14. Name seven criticisms of the direct primary.

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

g. _____